

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 4-10, 15-16, 23, 25-32, and 35 as follow below.

Please add new claim 37 as follows below.

The following claim listing replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

MARKED UP VERSION OF CLAIMS

1       1. (Currently Amended) A method of selling an item or  
2 service to a guest at a point-of-sales (POS) terminal within  
3 a coverage area, the method comprising:

4              reading an identification tag worn by a guest to  
5 obtain a tag identifier;

6              accessing a guest data object stored in a server  
7 using said tag identifier; and

8              modifying monetary credits information by a sales  
9 amount of said item or service, said monetary credits  
10 information stored in said server within a monetary  
11 credits data field of said guest data object by a sales  
12 amount of said item or service.

1       2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein  
2              said identification tag comprises a radio  
3              frequency identification (RFID) tag.

1       3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein

2                 reading said identification tag comprises using an  
3                 RFID reader to read said tag identifier from said RFID  
4                 tag.

1         4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein  
2                 accessing said guest data object comprises  
3                         a processor of said server retrieving said  
4                 guest data object stored in a non-volatile memory  
5                         of said server.

1         5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein  
2                 modifying said sales amount comprises  
3                         a processor of said server modifying said  
4                 monetary credits information stored in said  
5                 monetary credits data field of said guest data  
6                         object stored in said server.

1         6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further  
2                 comprising:  
3                         transmitting said tag identifier and said sales  
4                 amount from ~~a point-of-sale (POS) system~~ said POS  
5                         terminal to a ~~central~~ said server by way of a  
6                 communications link.

1         7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further  
2                 comprising:  
3                         transmitting information related to said item or  
4                 service description from said POS terminal system to  
5                 said [[central]] server by way of said communications  
6                 link; and

7            updating a purchases data field of said guest data  
8        object stored in said server with said item or service  
9        description.

1        8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further  
2 comprising:

3            transmitting a digital guest photo from said  
4        [[central]] server to said POS terminal system; and  
5            transmitting a guest identification confirmation  
6        message from said POS terminal system to said  
7        [[central]] server if said digital guest photo contains  
8        an image of said guest.

1        9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further  
2 comprising:

3            transmitting a transaction confirmation from said  
4        [[central]] server to said POS terminal system; and  
5            printing sale confirmation information related to  
6        said selling of said item or service on a sheet of  
7        paper at said POS terminal system.

1        10. (Currently Amended) A point-of-sale (POS) system,  
2 comprising:

3            a reader to read a tag identifier stored in an  
4        identification tag worn by a guest at a coverage area;  
5            an input device to receive information related to  
6        an item or service to be purchased by said guest;  
7            a network interface to communicate with a central  
8        server; and

9           a processor coupled to said network interface,  
10          said input device, and said reader, the processor  
11                to cause a transmission of said tag  
12                identifier and said item or service information to  
13                said central server by way of said network  
14                interface, and  
15                to receive a completion of transaction  
16                message from ~~the~~ said central server by way of ~~the~~  
17                said network interface.

1       11. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim  
2 10, wherein  
3                said reader comprises a radio frequency  
4                identification (RFID) reader.

1       12. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim  
2 10, wherein  
3                said input device comprises a keyboard.

1       13. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim  
2 10, wherein  
3                said input device comprises a touch screen input  
4                device.

1       14. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim  
2 10, wherein  
3                said input device comprises a bar code scanner.

1       15. (Currently Amended) The point-of-sale (POS) system  
2 of claim 10, further comprising:

3           a display for displaying information related to  
4       the purchase of said item or service.

1       16. (Currently Amended) The point-of-sale (POS) system  
2     of claim 10, further comprising:

3           a printer for generating documents containing  
4       information related to the purchase of said item or  
5       service.

1       17. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim  
2     10, wherein

3           said information related to said item or service  
4       comprises a sales amount of said item or service.

1       18. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim  
2     10, wherein

3           said information related to said item or service  
4       comprises a description of said item or service.

1       19. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim  
2     10, wherein

3           said information related to said item or service  
4       comprises an identification code of said item or  
5       service.

1       20. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim  
2     10, wherein

3           said processor is capable of receiving a digital  
4       photograph of said guest and causing the display of  
5       said digital photograph on a display 406.

1           21. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim  
2 10, wherein

3                 said processor is capable of receiving a digital  
4 photograph of said guest from said central server by  
5 way of said network interface and causing the display  
6 of said digital photograph on a display.

1           22. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim  
2 21, wherein

3                 said processor is capable of prompting by way of  
4 said display to confirm that said digital photograph is  
5 of said guest and to cause the transmission of an  
6 identification confirmation signal to said central  
7 server by way of said network interface.

1           23. (Currently Amended) A central server to facilitate  
2 transactions within a coverage area, comprising:

3                 a non-volatile memory to store a guest data object  
4 including a first data field containing information  
5 related to monetary credits;

6                 a network interface to communicate with [a] one or  
7 more point-of-sale (POS) system systems; and

8                 a processor coupled to the non-volatile memory and  
9 the network interface, the processor

10                 to receive information related to a guest of  
11 said coverage area and information related to an  
12 item or service being purchased, and

13                   to modify said monetary credits information  
14                    stored in said non-volatile memory based on a  
15                    sales price of said item or service.

1       24. (Original) The central server of claim 23, wherein  
2            said guest data object further includes  
3                a second data field to contain information  
4                related one or more items or services purchased by  
5                said guest, and  
6                wherein said processor causes a storing of said  
7                information related to said item or service being  
8                purchased into said second data field.

1       25. (Currently Amended) The central server of claim  
2        23, wherein  
3            said guest data object further includes  
4                a second data field containing information  
5                related to a digital photograph of said guest, and  
6                wherein said processor causes a transmission of  
7                said guest photograph to [[said]] at least one of said  
8               one or more POS system systems by way of said network  
9               interface.

1       26. (Currently Amended) A guest data object stored in  
2        a memory of a server for selling an item or service to a  
3       guest within a coverage area, the guest data object  
4       comprising  
5            a first data field containing an identifier of a  
6           tag worn by a guest, and

7           a second data field containing information related  
8        to monetary credits useful for making monetary  
9        transactions within a coverage area,  
10          wherein said guest data object is accessible by  
11        way of said tag identifier.

1        27. (Currently Amended) The guest data object of claim  
2 26, further comprising:  
3           a third data field containing information related  
4        to one or more items or services purchased by a guest  
5        within a coverage area.

1        28. (Currently Amended) The guest data object of claim  
2 26, further comprising:  
3           a third data field containing information related  
4        to an identifier of said guest.

1        29. (Currently Amended) A data structure stored in a  
2 memory of a server for selling an item or service to a guest  
3 within a coverage area, the data structure defining:  
4           a first data field for containing an identifier of  
5        a tag worn by a guest, and  
6           a second data field for containing information  
7        related to monetary credits useful for making monetary  
8        transactions within a coverage area,  
9           wherein said tag identifier is used to access a  
10        guest data ~~objected~~ object created from said data  
11        structure.

1       30. (Currently Amended) The data structure of claim  
2 29, further defining:  
3              a third data field for containing information  
4              related to one or more items or services purchased by a  
5              guest within a coverage area.

1       31. (Currently Amended) The data structure of claim  
2 29, further defining:  
3              a third data field for containing information  
4              related to an identify of said guest.

1       32. (Currently Amended) A method of selling an item or  
2 service to a guest [[at]] within a coverage area,  
3 comprising:  
4              providing a sales amount for purchasing an item or  
5              service within a coverage area;  
6              reading information related to monetary credits  
7              for purchasing said item or service within said  
8              coverage area from a tag worn by said guest; and  
9              modifying said monetary credits information based  
10             on [[a]] said sales amount [[of]] for purchasing said  
11             item or service within said coverage area.

1       33. (Original) The method of claim 32, wherein  
2              said tag further includes information related to  
3              an identity of said guest.

1       34. (Original) The method of claim 32, wherein

2           said tag comprises a radio frequency  
3       identification (RFID) tag.

1       35. (Currently Amended) A point-of-sale (POS) system  
2 to sell an item or service to a guest within a coverage  
3 area, the point-of-sale (POS) system comprising:

4           an input device to receive information related to  
5       an item or service to be purchased by a guest within a  
6       coverage area;

7           a reader/writer to read and modify information  
8       related to monetary credits for making monetary  
9       transaction within a coverage area, wherein said  
10      information is stored on a radio frequency  
11      identification (RFID) tag worn by said guest; and

12       a processor to receive said information related to  
13       said item or service to be purchased and said  
14       information related to said monetary credits, and to  
15       cause said reader/writer to modify said information  
16       related to said monetary credits based on said  
17       information related to said item or service to be  
18       purchased.

1       36. (Original) The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim  
2       35, wherein  
3           said reader/writer comprises a radio frequency  
4       identification (RFID) reader/writer.

1       37. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein  
2       said server is a central server including  
3       a processor,

4                   a non-volatile memory coupled to said  
5                   processor, and  
6                   a network interface coupled between said  
7                   processor and said POS terminal.